

BUMPER CROP OF SPRING WEDDINGS PREDICTED

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ful emotions of envy in those of us who can't have the same sort. The Blacks will live in New York—567 Madison avenue—but are preparing to pass the summer abroad, sailing in June. They are spending their honeymoon at Mrs. Pembroke Jones' country place near Wilmington, N. C., which she has placed at their disposal, having journeyed to the South in Mr. Black's private car.

The wedding, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, was simple, with only members of the family present and a few old friends, like the Spanish Ambassador and Mme. de Riano, Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. Richard Townsend, Senator Peter Goelet Gerry—Mrs. Gerry was out of town—and Mme. Hauge. Besides being an exceedingly handsome girl and an acknowledged belle, the new Mrs. Black is cultivated and an accomplished linguist. She was presented at the Court of St. James the season she made her debut.

DISPATCHES from Manila seem to disagree as to whether the marriage of Gen. Leonard Wood's son, Lieut. Osborn Wood, and Miss Katherine Thompson was to take place on April 1—yesterday—or April 2—today. But, at any rate, in a few hours Miss Thompson will be Mrs. Wood, and Washington feels a proprietary interest in the wedding since the Woods are well known here socially as well as officially.

Miss Thompson has been visiting Miss Louise Wood, the fiancée's sister, for some weeks. The courtship took place out there in Manila, and, since Lieutenant Wood is on the staff of his father, the governor general of the Philippines, it was decided that the wedding should take place in the islands.

Lieut. Osborn Wood is the second son of General and Mrs. Wood, a graduate of Groton and Harvard, a contemporary and associate of the Roosevelt boys.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Thompson, of Wilmington, Del., and a granddaughter of Brig. Gen. James H. Wilson, U. S. A., retired, the only civil war veteran of his rank. She's athletic, plays golf and tennis and hunts with the Vicmead hounds.

Miss Thompson is a girl with a splendid war record—a good wife for a soldier and the son of a soldier.

Then, Bruce Cortelyou's engagement is announced, and Major Wright Rumbough's, both being well known here. Mr. Cortelyou—George Bruce Cortelyou, Jr., to give his full and proper name—is the son of President Roosevelt's private secretary, who afterward became Postmaster General and Secretary of the Treasury. Consequently his sons grew up in Washington, Bruce going off to Exeter and afterward to Yale. He is to marry Miss Irwin Fearn, of Mobile.

Major Rumbough comes of an old army family, being a son of the late Col. J. D. Rumbough and a grandson of the late Gen. D. S. Stanley. His mother makes her home in Washington. He is engaged to Miss Grace Hall Colgate, daughter of Gilbert Colgate, one of whose sisters is married to Major Rumbough's brother, Stanley Rumbough. The other Colgate girl is now Mrs. Edwin St. John Greble, wife of the good-looking Major Greble.

It was Major Rumbough's sister, Miss Elizabeth Rumbough, who married young Capt. T. Q. Donaldson, son of Col. and Mrs. T. Q. Donaldson—they are now in Colombia—so, you see, there are Washington connections all round.

As for the Miss Jeanne Marie Perkins, whose engagement to Prince Fabrizio Colonna, scion of the famous Roman family of that name, was called from Paris, I can't help but think that she's a sister of Argenta Perkins, who married young Louis Penaherrera, of the legion of Ecuador and who is now in Ecuador with him. The dispatches spoke of her as the daughter of "Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins, of Genoa and Washington." I don't remember that Mme. Penaherrera's father was named George, but her parents, who spent two or three winters in Washington during the war, had lived long in Genoa, and I seem to remember that one of her sisters was called "Jeanne," so it would seem that it must be the same family.

Several important April weddings are in the offing; Miss Maxwell Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Church, and Lawrence Dilworth Blair will be married on April 18. It will be a church wedding—St. Thomas—but there will be no array of bridesmaids, and Miss Church is trying to keep it simple. A few days later, on April 23, to be specific, Miss Ruth Larner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Larner, is to wed Chambers Oliphant—one of the Trenton Oliphants, I believe—and that evening there is the wedding of Miss Margherita Tilman and Dr. William Calhoun Stirling, Jr., of Winston-Salem, N. C., which will be solemnized in St. Thomas' Church. Miss Tilman is the daughter of Comdr. and Mrs. B. M. Tilman.

Old Friends Here At Same Time; Miss Clover Opens House

Mourn Passing of Historic Residence in K Street.

THE big Clover house at the corner of New Hampshire avenue and Q streets is being opened up and its young mistress, Miss Eudora Clover, will be installed there for the spring months. Good news, indeed, at this time when so many of the houses which have been most associated with lavish hospitality are going down before the "march of progress."

Miss Clover, the daughter of the late Rear Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Clover, has spent the last two years in California on the beautiful ranch in the Napa Valley, which came to her from her parents and which, I believe, was originally the home of her grandfather, the late Senator Miller. She loves it out there and has developed into a most successful rancher, but of late she has been growing homesick—and here she is, prepared to stay through the spring months in any event. Her brother-in-law and sister, Major and Mrs. Thomas Holcomb, are at present stationed at Quantico—Major Holcomb being in the Marine Corps—so Miss Clover will be able to see a good deal of them with little trouble.

And, either by design or happy accident, she finds herself visiting here at the same time as her particular chum, Princess Boncompagni, who was formerly Miss Margaret Draper. Prince and Princess Boncompagni are in New York for the moment, but they are expected back again, I believe, and they have been out at Wardman Park Hotel for a week or two while the sale of the old Draper house in K street was being completed.

The very day that the sale was announced, a story appeared in some of the papers to the effect that Princess Boncompagni was a patient at a hospital in Baltimore—a story which the Princess read with some amusement and some chagrin as she was preparing for a party. Her hostess must have read it, too, for she called up to inquire just how ill the Princess was, and whether it was sudden and whether the Prince was with her—thinking possibly of a table to be rearranged at the last moment—and found that Princess Boncompagni was at the very moment dressing for the dinner.

As a matter of fact, friends of the former Miss Draper tell me that they never saw her looking better. She and her husband were here first in February. I think it was, and when they set sail after a few weeks' visit in this country most people, I believe, were under the impression that it was for Italy. Instead, they made a trip to Bermuda, returning in time to draw up the necessary papers for the sale of the K street house. As for their future plans, I don't believe they have made any yet. Or, if they have, they're not telling about them.

I WONDER if Princess Boncompagni can see her old home torn down without a pang. She made her debut there at a beautiful ball, and it was there that her marriage to Prince Andrea Boncompagni took place, the late Cardinal Gibbons coming from Baltimore to perform the ceremony. This, a rare dispensation, was due to an ancient privilege bestowed upon the Boncompagni-Ludovisi family, which has given three Popes to the Church of Rome.

Save the Date April 25 for Benefit Ball

MARK it down in your date book—the debutantes' ball. It's to be given at the Willard on Tuesday, April 25, for the benefit of the George Washington Memorial—more properly the Victory Memorial, since Mrs. Henry F. Dimock's pet project to raise a suitable memorial to the Father of His Country has been merged into the larger project to honor the hero dead from 1776 to the present day.

All the buds of this season are working together to make the ball a success and, since it will be given under distinguished patronage, it promises to be exceedingly smart. It will be a straight ball, with no pageantry or stunts or other complications—and Bornstein's orchestra will play.

Spanish War Nurses at Women's City Club

MRS. LYMAN B. SWORMSTEDT, president of the Women's City Club, and the board of directors are entertaining at tea today in honor of the Association of Spanish War Nurses, who are holding their annual meeting in Washington this week. The vice president of the club, Mrs. William C. Ogden, and Mrs. George W. Eastman will preside at the tea table.

THE chalk drawings shown below are charming examples of the work of an artist well known in Washington—Miss Virginia Hargreaves Wood. A sister of Waddy B. Wood, she is spending the spring season here and is filling a number of orders. As for the subjects, Mrs. Stanley Rinehart (Mary Roberts Rinehart) needs no introduction. Miss Patricia Ainsa is the debutante niece of Mrs. Luke McNamee, and little Miss Marie Flag Heald the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler.



Mrs. Blair to Tour New England States

MRS. EMILY NEWELL BLAIR, recently appointed resident committeewoman of the Democratic National Committee, with headquarters at Washington, will leave in a few days for a brief speech-making tour of the New England States. Following a speech which she is booked to deliver before the Woman's Democratic Alliance at Bridgeport, Connecticut, at a State-wide meeting to be held there on the afternoon of April 7, she will make a flying visit to Boston, stopping in New York City before returning to the Capital. Mrs. Blair has been the recipient of much attention in club and social circles since taking up her residence here.

Authors' Breakfast Convention Feature

THE Authors' Breakfast will be given at noon, on Wednesday, April 26, at the Wardman Park Hotel, as one of the features of the League of American Pen Women's silver jubilee convention and book fair. Mrs. Henry Wilder Keyes, acting president, and Mrs. Louis N. Geldert, chairman of the book fair committee, will preside. The round tables, seating from six to fourteen, will each be presided over by a hostess from the national executive board and the District of Columbia League of American Pen Women. Among the hostesses are: Mme. Grouitch, Mrs. Harry Atwood Colman, chairman of the convention committee; Mrs. Theodore Tiller, chairman of the hospitality and ball

committee; Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mrs. Homer Hoeh, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, Mrs. Francis Berger Moran, Mrs. Amos A. Fries, Mrs. E. F. Andrews, Mrs. W. F. Dennis, Mrs. Richard Yates, Mrs. Frank H. Funk, Mrs. Clifford Ireland, Mrs. Luther E. Gregory, Mrs. Helen Gardner, Mrs. Clara Sears Taylor, Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, Mrs. Malde Wood Park, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Marie Forrest, Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, Miss Rebecca Dial, daughter of Senator Dial, from South Carolina; Mrs. Kate Marcia Forbes, Mrs. James E. Ament, wife of the president of the National Park Seminary; Mrs. Arthur G. Bedell.

Plans for the authors' costume carnival ball, the annual frolic of the League of American Pen Women, always the grand finale of their convention and book fair, are rapidly nearing completion in the hands of Mrs. Theodore Tiller, chairman of the hospitality and ball committee, and the chairmen of her various committees. Mrs. Larz Anderson's list of patronesses up to date includes Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, Mme. de Riano, Mrs. William Howard Taft, Mme. Grouitch, Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, Mrs. Frederick Gillett, Mrs. John W. Weeks, Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Robert Coontz, Mrs. John A. Lejeune, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Philip Sheridan, Mrs. Frederick Hicks, Mrs. J. M. Helm, Mrs. Frederick Hale.

The men's floor committee is under the management of Mrs. Amos A. Fries, wife of General Fries, of the Chemical Warfare. The young ladies' committee is headed by Miss Rebecca Dial, daughter of Senator Dial of South Carolina.

Pageant Rehearsals Begin This Week

THE completion of the executive committee of the Cathedral pageant "The Cross Triumphant," was announced today by Mrs. James Carroll Fraser, chairman, the names of Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Charles J. Bell, J. Mayne Wainwright, Assistant Secretary of War, and George Gordon Battle, of New York, having been added. Beginning next week, a number of rehearsals of the pageant groups, under the direction of Marie Moore Forrest, will take place at the Mason House, which has been offered for the purpose by Mrs. Julian James. The town house of Mrs. Charles J. Bell has also been placed at the disposal of the pageant committee. The group presenting the "Interlude of Music," sponsored by Mrs. Henry F. Dimock and Mrs. Alfred Thom, will probably hold its rehearsals at the home of Mrs. Dimock.

The first two performances of the pageant will be given at the Cathedral on Friday, May 5, in the late afternoon and evening, and have been arranged as a benefit for St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C., which was founded in 1843, and is the first of the schools of the Episcopal Church established in America. A very large number of its alumnae are among the well-known women of Washington, and are keenly interested in the presentation of the pageant.

Mrs. Puller at Home Tomorrow Afternoon

MRS. EDWIN S. PULLER will be at home tomorrow afternoon for the last time this season.

Polo Ball Will Be Event of Late April Polo Club States

Teams of War Department Preparing for Spring Games.

THE Polo Ball of last spring, given by the War Department Polo Club, is to be revived this year. The club has announced that the ball will be given at the Willard Hotel about the last week in April.

The first polo game of the season will be played on the polo field at Potomac Park, April 15, and it is expected to give the ball a week or two later. Several notable people have consented to be patrons, including the Secretary of War and Assistant Secretary Wainwright, General Pershing, General Bethel, the British military attaché, and other high ranking officials.

This ball was one of the largest functions of last year's spring social season. All the boxes were subscribed for well in advance, and the attendance was large beyond all expectations. It is expected that the Polo Club this year will equal last spring's record and provide another party which will be warmly welcomed by Washingtonians.

PRESIDENT HARDING has been asked to throw the ball into the field for the opening game, and it is expected that he will do so if his official duties permit. The President will ride one of the fine animals which he rides every few days through Washington's bridle paths. General Pershing will attend the President.

The first game will be played by teams of the War Department Polo Club which has been working out new polo ponies since the middle of the winter. This training has been carried on in the late afternoon in the riding hall at Fort Myer. Probably a team of crack players from Fort Myer will also participate in this first game of the season.

Washington people will remember the popular interest aroused last summer by the games at Potomac Park. At the Saturday games the driveway on both sides of the polo field was lined solid with parked automobiles while many hundreds of people who came to the games on foot crowded against the sidewalks. In addition to the games on Saturday afternoons the War Department polo teams played practice and match games two or three times a week at the polo field at Potomac Park. These games also were well attended and were very popular.

THIS year, as last, the War Department Polo Club will keep three teams in the game—the Reds, Greens and Yellows. In many games teams from Fort Myer will participate, and we shall probably see something of army teams from Camp Grant and Camp Humphries, and crack civilian teams from Philadelphia and other places. It is hoped that the popular Cuban team will be able to come up for a tournament later in the season.

Ellises Give "Ohio" Dinner for the Tafts

THE dinner which Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ellis gave last evening in honor of the Chief Justice and Mrs. Taft was an "all Ohio" party, the company being made up of old friends most of whom had known the Chief Justice from the time he was Judge Taft back in Cincinnati. The Ellises, you know, hail from Cincinnati and they have been friends of Justice and Mrs. Taft for years.

The other guests in the company were Senator and Mrs. Frank Willis, Gen. and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes—he was born in Marietta, Ohio, you remember—Judge and Mrs. George E. Martin, Mrs. Rufus Day, Mrs. Sherman McCallum and Max Pam, of New York.

Muscle Shoals Motion Pictures To Be Shown

A TWO-REEL movie of Muscle Shoals will be shown at the regular meeting of the Alabama Society to be held at the Wilson Normal Community Center, Harvard and Eleventh streets, next Thursday evening. This will be followed by a demonstration of central office work upon a miniature switchboard by a group of young ladies, J. M. Waters supervising the exhibition.

Major Theodor V. Walker, president of the society, will preside. The entertainment will also include a musical program to be given by Mrs. Fannie Shreve Heartill and Francis P. Heartill, with Larry Gavitt as accompanist, and Mrs. Davis H. Kinchloe.

BOOKS IN BRIEF

By AMES KENDRICK. **THOUGH** our faith in the literary impeccability of Henry Sydnor Harrison has of late been grievously shaken by certain of the critics upon whose dicta we are wont to lean heavily, we recall pleasant memories in connection with "Queed" and "V. V.'s Eyes" which are not to be dissipated without a struggle. We are thoroughly in accord with the commentators who decried these books as lacking in the realism which seems to be so highly in esteem nowadays, in so far as admitting that they are not realistic. But further than this we refuse to go with these gentlemen, for we confess to a fervent admiration for a good romantic story—and Henry Sydnor Harrison has a positive genius for unique themes and unusual characters; themes that stir the imagination by their novelty; characters that carry the appeal—sentimental if you will—of "Queed" and "V. V."

His latest novel, "Saint Teresa" (Houghton Mifflin Company) is a moving story with characters of slowly unfolding beauty, of noble ideals and devotion, of courage, that possesses a magnetic quality. In it are the clash of two dominant wills, a struggle of antagonists of equal courage and determination though of opposite sex, with a leavening of the author's mellow humor, which make it a book absorbing from first page to last.

Teresa, nicknamed the Saint for her ascetic character, and known to newspaper readers as "The Woman Who Hates Love" is the daughter of an illustrious and wealthy New York family. Filled with vitality and zest for life, and with an entire disregard for public opinion, she has explored every sensation, broken polo ponies, ridden in aeroplanes, shot a burglar, slapped the face of a governor, and in general so behaved as to achieve wide newspaper notoriety.

She buys a controlling interest in a great steel company. With her appointment of Masury as her office manager, the story grows in interest. From the beginning he finds himself profoundly antagonistic to her. He resents what he supposes to be her pose, her insincerity, and her search for new sensations, and he does not attempt to conceal his resentment. On her part, indifference is shaken by his rude, sexless, hostility, and gradually turns to interest as she discovers in him not only real force and ability, but an idealism akin to her own.

It is a strange situation, one of infinite possibilities for a novelist who, while keeping his story within the bounds of possibility, is unafraid to impart to his work a quality of vibrant emotion and the charm of the unexpected.

E. P. DUTTON & CO. announce the publication in the near future of a two-volume "Life of Cardinal Gibbons," by Allen Sinclair Will, who was authorized in 1909 to write the biography. Will for a number of years was city editor of the Baltimore Sun and had exceptional opportunities for close contact with and observation of the Cardinal. When Will made a definite beginning of his task, the Cardinal consented to daily interviews.

He also opened to Will without restriction the archives of the archdiocese of Baltimore, containing official records of the most fruitful period of the prelate's life and letters. Another source of information was the Cardinal's private journal, which he began to keep in 1863, and of which many extracts will appear in the coming book.

DR. ROYAL S. COPELAND, health commissioner of New York city, has written a book called "Over Weight? Guard Your Health," which is announced for early spring publication by the Cosmopolitan Book Corporation. Dr. Copeland has been carrying on a series of experiments which have been widely discussed in the press, and in this book they are set forth in plain terms so that all who read may profit by them.

TALCOTT WILLIAMS, author of "Turkey—A World Problem" (Doubleday, Page & Co.) evidently believes the United States should big-brother Turkey. Mr. Williams seeks to show that Turkey holds a mixed population of Turks, Arabs, Kurds and Armenians, unfriendly to each other in some cases, and at least alien to each other in other cases, quite unable to unite for the pursuit of common prosperity.

He believes that the United States could impose upon these the necessary discipline to keep them from beating one another, and even to make them work harmoniously for the common good. It is the old story of an unassimilated population, the same state of things that has made trouble in India, in the Balkans and elsewhere. The internal troubles of popula-



HENRY SYDNOR HARRISON, Author of "Saint Teresa," which is already a best seller, though published but a few weeks ago by Houghton-Mifflin.

tions always offer an opportunity for dominion from without. In Mr. Williams' opinion the United States alone of the nations has the power and by its remoteness the disinterestedness to rule Turkey to its own advantage and the satisfaction of the other powers.

CHARLES J. VOPICKA prefaces the story of his experiences as told in "Secrets of the Balkans" (Rand McNally) with a history of the Balkan states, to which he was accredited by Woodrow Wilson shortly before the outbreak of the great war. He traces in a few pages the influence of Greek, Roman and Slav upon the races which were ancestral in the lands which are now Bulgaria, Serbia and Rumania. It is the story of small but strategic countries ground between their stronger neighbors, yet obstinately retaining their national characteristics, and this brief history he carries up to the climax of 1914.

This introduction is a necessity to all but close students of the Balkan countries, as in no other work could the average reader gather an adequate impression of the strange mixture of races inhabiting these lands, or obtain an insight to their languages, customs, religions, or their national ambitions. All these things Mr. Vopicka is well equipped to write of, as at one time he represented the interests of eight countries: the United States, Rumania, Germany, Turkey, England, Russia, Italy and Serbia.

Beginning with the outbreak of the war in 1914, the book takes on a personal aspect. Mr. Vopicka presents a mass of detail about the conditions in the countries in which he was stationed, many of a very intimate nature, such as could only be obtained by one who thoroughly understood the people among whom he found himself and who had their confidence. The book should prove invaluable to students of the rapidly shifting Balkan drama, and also of great interest to the general reading public because of its intimate personal touches.

THE selections in the two volumes, "Quotations from Kipling" (Doubleday, Page & Co.) were chosen from his complete works by Mr. Kipling himself. They are taken from the short stories, the novels, the juveniles, the books of travel, and the inclusive edition of verse. Brief but vivid glimpses of Mulvaney, Kim, Mowgli, Stalky and the rest of the goodly company to which they belong, little pictures of the East and West, "purple patches" of humor, wit, and philosophy have been cut from their original setting and framed alone by a hand so capable that one might call these two little books the essence of Kipling.

Both volumes are indexed, and the verse is especially useful in locating the passages that one constantly hears and does not know where to find. These are legion, for the most widely quoted poet today, excepting only Shakespeare, is Rudyard Kipling.

Books in Demand

THE following books were in most demand at Brentano's for the past week:

- FICTION:**
 "Saint Teresa," Henry Sydnor Harrison.
 "Children of the Market Place," Edgar Lee Masters.
 "Simon Called Peter," Robert Keable.
 "Maria Chapdelaine," Louis Hemon.
 "Lucretia Lombard," Kathleen Norris.
 "Kimono," John Paris.
 "My American Diary," Clara Sheridan.
 "My Boyhood," John H. Roughton.
 "Thirteen Years at the Sultan Court," Pierre Gilliam.
 "Painted Windows," G. man with a Duster.
 "Open Spaces," John Dyke.
 "My Memories of El Teares," Chauncey M. Depue.